

Golden memories

EAST ORANGE—Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Purnell formerly of Bayonne, recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in the Black Union (BU) Mansion in East Orange. The handsome couple renewed their vows accompanied by their four children, four grandsons and son-in-law, in the presence of 100 family and friends.

The evening "dinner," "Mom & Dad—This Is Your Life" was to music and dress reminiscent of the 1940's. The children's tributes to their parents consisted of a rendition of Gladys Knight and the Pips' "Midnight Train to Georgia" one of Mrs.

Artheese and Nathan Purnell

Purnell's favorite songs, followed by her laughter, son-in-law and grandsons. Speeches and a video spanning the couple's fifty years capped off the tributes. The two plan a second honeymoon cruise to Alaska later this year.

Nathan Purnell, a retired petroleum distributor with Coastal Oil, is presently working on his second ca-

reer in computer science. Artheese Purnell, retired from Maidenform, Inc., was one of the first African Americans hired during the 1950's at the company. The couple reside in Hillside and are active members of the Love of Jesus Church in East Orange and civic and community organizations.

Preparing for a new beginning



ORANGE—The City of Orange Township and Great Atlantic Developers, Inc. held a Ground Breaking Ceremony for the construction of "Huntington Chase at Orange" an 11 unit townhouse development. The ceremony was held at the location of the future development, 300 Reynolds Terrace on Tuesday, February 20. The Townhouses at Huntington Chase will consist of approximately 1700 square feet and will include brick facade, a garage and space to accommodate two cars, a deck, and appliance package. Great Atlantic Developers of South Orange, the developers of the project, have received funds from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs and Essex County Housing and Community Development through an application sponsored by the City of Orange Township to construct "Huntington Chase." Mayor Robert Brown (C) is joined by colleagues as the city broke ground for the construction of Huntington Chase at Orange, a new townhouse development on Reynolds Terrace. Joining the mayor are (from left) Jeff Bertrand, director Essex County Housing and Community Development; Marvin Grant, Great Atlantic Developers; Lorenzo Grant, president Great Atlantic Developers and James Slaughter, acting director of Planning and Development.

NJ's 100 most influential nominees.

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| Aida DeSoto | Don Vignone | Glen O. Steiger | Khalid Muhammad |
| Al Cude | Don Vignone | Gloria Bryant | Monique Williams |
| Al Fuller | Donald Tucker | Gualberto Medina | Linder |
| Alfred A. Edmond | Donald Tucker | Guadalupe Vazquez | Myra Counts |
| Alfred C. Koppie | Dorrie W. | Harold Lucas | Naughty-B. Nantz |
| Alonso Adams | Dorrie W. | Harriet Bernier | New Clark |
| Amir Banks | Dr. Alina Flagg | Helen Miller, Crou- | Norton |
| Angelo Gonzalez | Dr. Bernice | Shelton | Parrell Miller, Esq. |
| Annette Hubbard | Venerable | Philip Thomas | Pascal Calvin |
| Anthony Holland | Dr. Beverly Hall | Philip Randolph, Sr. | McKinney |
| Anthony O. | Dr. Chalmers | Phyllis Salovey | Miner |
| Langford | Dr. Clement Price | Prenton Pinet | Prince Wooten |
| Arthur F. Ryan | Dr. George Pratt | Raymond Brown, Jr. | Raymond Chambers |
| Assemblyman Jerry | Dr. Howard T. Robinson | Rebecca Duggett | Reine Higgins |
| Green | Dr. Judith H. Wilcox | Reggie Harris | Reverend Russell |
| Assemblywoman Nia | Dr. L. Francis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Gill | Rodgers | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Avery Brooks | Dr. Laval S. Wilson | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Barbara Bell | Dr. Shirley Jackson | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Barbara L. Huggins | Dr. Stanley Bergen | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Ben Jones | Dr. Thomas Keen | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Bill Bradley | Dr. Wanda King-Farr | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Bill Merritt | Dr. Winifred J. Sand- | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Bishop Donald | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Hillard | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Bishop James W. | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Parrot | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Ronnie Burgess | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Brenda B. Hooper | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Brace Main | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Carl Brooks | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Carl Venable | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Charles A. Peraz | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Carl Martin | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Carol V. Clark, Gov. | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Climan | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Cassandra T. Savoy | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Jack McFarland | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Cecil Banks | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Cecil Sanders | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Chris White | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Christine City | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Christy Davis | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Cissy Houston | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Clinton Crocker | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Clyde Allen | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Congressman | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Donald Payne | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Cotina Woodall | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Councilman Ronald | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| L. Rice | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Cynthia J. Moore | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| David A. Brown | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| David Green | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| David Jefferson | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| David Means | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Deborah L. Slaughter | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| DeLacy Duke | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Deanna Bullock | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Diane A. Harvey | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Sutton | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Diane Johnson | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |
| Diane Rysor | Ennis | Reverend St. John | Reverend St. John |

Improve your reading skills

NEWARK—The Newark Literacy Campaign, is looking for adults who need to improve their reading skills. Reading instructions take place on a one-on-one basis with a trained reading tutor for two hours (during the day or in the evening) every week at the Newark Public Library or Rutgers Law School. For more information on the program call 201-623-4001.

Celebration times two

FORT MONMOUTH—Jesse Galloway and Marilyn Lindsey, in both of Naples, were married on December 23, 1995, in Marilyn's church, Mount Hope Baptist Church in Stafford, VA. Many friends and family were not able to attend the union, so on Saturday, March 31 they had a second reception for their local friends at the Fort Monmouth Officers' Club. Over 200 friends and family attended to help them celebrate the occasion. Entertainment was provided by Rod Blackstone and Grace Little.



Hooks, Smith among GOP delegates

TRENTON—Gov. Whitman, chairman of the NJ Dele for President campaign, has announced the 95 New Jersey Republicans who will join her on the Dele for President slate in the June 4 presidential primary.

The delegation is comprised of nine At-Large Delegates and nine At-Large Alternate Delegates to be elected statewide, three District Delegates and three Alternate District Delegates chosen from each of New Jersey's thirteen congressional districts.

Some of the names including the county of origin are:

The delegates include: Gov.

Whitman, Hunterdon; Marge Roukema, Bergen; Donald T. DiFrancesco, Union; Jack Collins Salera, Thomas H. Keen, Somerset; Lonna R. Hooks, Essex; Gualberto Medina, Camden; Candace L. Straight, Essex; Lewis M. Eisenberg, Monmouth; Kathleen A. Duvaan, Bergen. Alternates include: Thomas S. Smith, Monmouth; Judy Shaw, Mercer; John K. Rafferty, Mercer; Clifford M. Sobel, Essex; Sue Pal Yang, Somerset; Marjorie R. Frances, Somerset; Roger A. Bodman, Mercer and Clara Nibolt, Bergen;

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAYS
BELLE MEAD—A Motherless Daughters Support Group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Career Center for Counseling. For more info call 908-281-1599.

THRU APRIL 15
NEWARK—Division of Recreation/Cultural Affairs, is holding registrations for Three-On-Three Basketball at all Recreation Centers. Call 201-733-6454.

APRIL 17-27
WATCHUNG—Lisa Presman's solo art exhibit at Watchung Arts Center's Lower Gallery, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays. For more info call 908-753-0190.

THRU APRIL 21
UNION CITY—The Passion Play presented by the New Jersey Division of Commerce's Division of Travel & Tourism at the Park Performing Arts. For more info call 1-800-JERSEY-7.

MONDAY, APRIL 8
EDISON—The American Red Cross of the Plainfield Area is holding a Blood Drive at the Wardlaw-Hartung Upper School from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. For more info call (908) 755-6414.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9
JERSEY CITY—A "Legal Education Night" series of private consultation with Irene Miklos, Esq. to be held at JCSJ Women's Center. For more info call (201) 200-3189.

WESTFIELD—Merrill Lynch will be holding a seminar on "Tax-Free Investing" to be held at the Merrill Lynch office at 7:30 p.m. For more info call (908) 789-4335.

SCOTCH PLAINS—Center For Hope Hospice is seeking exhibitors for its 1996 Craft Show to be held on June 8, 9 and 10. For more info call (908) 456-0700.

MAYS LANDING—Atlantic County College's Earth Day Celebration will

host live music and more. For further info call 1-800-JERSEY-7.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9
WESTFIELD—Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County lectures on the wonder plant "family" called Eucalyptus. Registration required. For more info call (908) 654-9854.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
DeAngelis will speak on "Resume Writing: You Are Your Resume—How to Write It" at 1 p.m. at JCSJ Women's Center. For more info call (201) 200-3189.

NEW BRUNSWICK—The New Jersey State Bar Association will present a free seminar on "Planning for Catastrophic Illness" 1:30 p.m. at the State Law Center. For more info call (908) 937-7515.

BELLE MEAD—Blended Families, a free program for the community will be held from 6:45 to 9 p.m. at the Carrier Foundation. For more info call 908-281-1515.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11
UPPER MERION CLAIR—Michael Eric Dyson will share his vision of contemporary black life in lecture entitled "Gangsta, Ghetto, and Griots" at Montclair State University. For more info call (201) 655-4333.

SCOTCH PLAINS—Union County Sheriff's Office and Union County Commission on Child Abuse will be conducting a free "Taping in Reporting" printing for Union County children up to age 12 at Boverati Amusement Park, from 12 to 3:30 p.m. For more info call 908-527-4450.

WESTON-BRANCH—Mormon University African American Studies Program invites all to a presentation of Research results in Urban Public Schools by Dr. Belinda Williams, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Calendar listings should be sent two weeks in advance to ensure publication

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Rochelle Ray named new AMBI woman

NEW YORK—AMBI star care products has found its AMBI woman, Rochelle Ray, 23, of Greensboro, North Carolina, is the Grand Prize winner of the National Model Search Contest via an awards luncheon held recently at the Warwick Hotel in New York City. The southern beauty will be the new AMBI model to be featured in an upcoming advertisement campaign as well as receive a number of other prizes. Ray was one of ten finalists selected from 500 entries to receive an all-expense paid trip to New York City for the final contest. She is currently a full-time student at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, majoring in Child Development.

NATION

Zetas and Sigmas issue action plan for upcoming elections

National News at a Glance

RAMONA AFRICA GETS "DAY IN COURT"

Ramona Africa of civil lawsuit against the city of Philadelphia is now in federal court. Africa is the sole adult survivor of the 1965 fire-bombing of the MOVE organization which resulted in 11 deaths, the burning of 60 homes and the worst residential fire in Philadelphia history. The lawsuit contends that the city violated Africa's civil rights when Philadelphia police dropped a bomb on her and her family and allowed the ensuing fire to burn. According to Africa, "I filed a civil lawsuit against officials in 1987 when none of them (police) were ever held legally accountable for their vicious crimes." Her attorney says they are confident that a fair and impartial jury will let the city, the nation and everyone else listening know that it will not condone the use of a bomb and fire for tactical purposes. Both former Police Commissioner Gregoire Sambor and former Fire Commissioner William Richmond will stand trial. The city has hired a private attorney at a cost of \$250,000 to handle the suit.

—PHILADELPHIA, PA

FORD INCREASES MINORITY VENDOR PURCHASING

On the heels of a lengthy strike at General Motors over "outsourcing," Ford Motor Company announced at a recent Michigan Minority Business Council lunch that it has established a target to source at least five percent of its annual U.S. purchases from minority suppliers, by the year 2000. Successful achievement of this goal would increase Ford's minority supplier purchases from \$1.8 billion in 1995 to about \$2.5 billion. The U.S. Big Three purchase approximately \$4 billion in parts and service from minority suppliers annually and Ford represents about 45 percent of those buys.—MICHIGAN

DIABETES EPIDEMIC IN BLACK COMMUNITY

The Toledo Journal is reporting that the American Diabetes Association has launched an aggressive public education campaign to increase awareness of the near epidemic rate of diabetes among African Americans—who are nearly twice as likely to have the disease as the general population. Dr. James Gavin, III, chair of the Association's African-American program, said that 50 percent of African Americans in a recent survey didn't believe that they, themselves, were at risk of diabetes. He also stated, "Our research shows that African Americans are often fatalistic about diabetes, believing there is nothing they can do to avoid it." The education program includes ads featuring Phylicia Rashad and the Clark Sisters.

—WASHINGTON, DC

SIXTY PERCENT VOTED IN NIGERIAN ELECTIONS

According to the New York Daily Challenge, Nigeria's electoral chief estimates around 60 percent of eligible voters took part in local council elections which marked the first step in the military government's plan to return to democracy. Sumner Dagogo-Jack, head of the electoral commission, said his figure of 60 percent was based on around 24 million people taking part in the March 16 elections out of an estimated 40 million eligible to vote. The council vote was the first in Nigeria since a controversial military government annulled the results of presidential elections in June 1993, during which the turnout was less than 40 percent.—NIGERIA

Municipal review

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According to Smith this legislation will allow municipalities to establish a local council, have the state to advise the state on whether or not the quality of life in the community will be adversely affected by a state decision.

WASHINGTON, DC—Based on a two-day forum focusing on the public policy issues important to African Americans, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. have announced a joint action plan for the upcoming 1996 elections.

The forum, entitled "The Call To Action," was chaired by Zeta International Grand Basileus Jylla Moore Foster and Sigma National President Carter D. Womack.

Participants included Rep. Edolphus Towns of NY, Rep. John Lewis of Georgia, Dr. C. Delores Tucker, president, National Political Congress of Black Women, Inc., Shirley J. Wilcher, deputy assistant secretary of Labor, Jacqueline D. Melia, author most who make within the American Lung Association, and Rich-

ard Williams, Jr., senior vice president and chief lending officer, Industrial Bank of Washington.

Main components of the plan called for members of the two groups to:

Act as citizen lobbyists and telephone, write, and meet with their congressional representatives and senators about legislative issues of interest and benefit to African Americans;

Participate in Project Vote '96 by working in voter education and registration in their local communities and on college campuses and getting registered voters to the polls to vote in November;

Network with other community, civic and church organizations to disseminate pertinent information on issues such as: economics, health care

reform and affirmative action.

Use all available resources to get registered voters to the polls on election day.

Promote decency in music that is brought into the African-American community, and continue to support Dr. C. Delores Tucker in the fight against gangsta rap by writing letters of support.

In the "Real Deal" forum session, Rep. Towns discussed the frontal attack being made in the U.S. Congress on a full slate of issues which have direct impact on African Americans. "We failed to vote in 1994, and the next day members of the Black Caucus were left powerless. We must go to the polls in great number in 1996 for our own political survival," Rep. Towns said.



Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity members joined their sister sorority, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority in sponsoring a "Call to Action Forum" in Washington, DC. Pictured from (l-r) are Keith, Spinner, legislative liaison; Rep. Carter D. Womack, Phi Beta Sigma national president; Rep. Edolphus Towns, Robert Graux National director of social action and Terrance Edwards, director Phi Beta Sigma Educational Foundation.

President proposes minimum wage increase

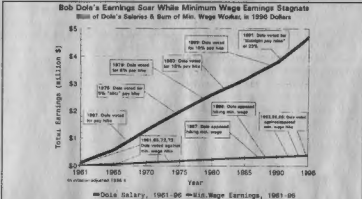
WASHINGTON, DC—President Clinton has proposed that the minimum wage be increased from \$4.25 per hour to \$5.15 per hour over two years. According to a report from the Democratic National Committee, this increase would reward the hard work of 11 to 14 million Americans who currently earn the minimum wage and nearly 3 million more who make within 60 cents of the minimum wage.

The value of the wage is now 29 percent lower than it was in 1979, and has fallen nearly 50 cents in real value since it last increased in 1991.

President Clinton's proposal to increase his salary immediately after the last increase.

The increase would mean about \$180 more per year. For a working family, that's seven months of groceries, 3 months' rent or mortgage payments, a full year of health care (including prescription drugs), or 9 months of utility bills.

The wage increase, however, is being attacked by Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, which led to charges by Democratic National Committee Chairman Don Fowler that Dole has increased his own salary during his three-and-a-half decades as a member of Congress, while steadfastly opposing minimum wage increases.



"The Majority Leader's gridlock and stonewalling tactics should be no surprise," Fowler said. "Bob Dole has spent 35 years in Washington caring a lot more about getting the maximum wage for himself than he does about raising the minimum wage for working families."

"The hard-working Americans

who get the minimum wage have seen its value fall 27 percent in the past few years, while Dole earns more from his taxpayer salary every 14 days than they make in a year," Fowler charged. "It's time for Senator Dole to allow a straight-up or-down vote on the minimum wage, so we can give working families a raise," he stated.

Youth agenda

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County Urban League and the 114th affiliate on July 23, 1995.

Awards were presented to several individuals and organizations, recipients are: Jerome Hamilton of Long Branch, Community Service Award for Special Projects Coordinating and Community Relations Officer for the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office;

Howard L. West Sr., of Neptune, Individual Award for service as Asbury Park Neptune NAACP President since 1975 and retired principal and educator in the Asbury Park School System; Kerline R. Mackason of Long Branch High School, Youth Award for vice president of the National Honor Society, Student Council, African-American Culture Club, band, soccer team, and cheerleader; and Tyrone R. McAllister of Asbury Park High School, Student Council President, Football Team Captain, band member, and mentor.

Founder's Awards were presented to United Way of Monmouth County, Monmouth Medical Center, and Brookdale Community College.

Children's future

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teaching staff, policies that set guidelines for the use of school facilities.

The board of education also represents the community's interests at the bargaining table, negotiating contracts with unions representing teachers and other staff.

To fulfill these responsibilities, local school boards must accurately assess the community's needs. But they can't do that unless citizens like you make your opinions known. An important vehicle for that input is the Annual School Election.

How do I learn about the school board election in my community? Under a new state law enacted this year, every registered voter will receive a sample ballot listing candidates and questions on the April 16 ballot. Information on your district's proposed 1996-97 school budget is available at your local school board

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EDITORIAL

Ron Brown and Carl Stokes will be greatly missed

Recently, the African-American community was hit with a double dose of tragedy as we learned of the deaths of Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown and former Cleveland Mayor Carl Stokes.

Both Brown and Stokes made outstanding contributions in creating a standing for African Americans in the nation's political circle. Stokes, considered by many a modern pioneer for African-American politicians, was elected as the first African-American mayor of a major U.S. city 29 years ago. This landmark victory was a turning point in big city politics and an important part of what he contributed.

Brown's Jewish childhood knew the art of the deal. Brown's ability to bring people together was unique and enabled him to create a position out of any situation. His appointment as the chairperson and his leadership of the Democratic National Committee in 1989 was a classic example of his intelligence and ability to bring people together.

Like other great men and women, Stokes and Brown saw the need of their people and stepped forward to meet the challenge. Their skills and talents, intelligence and wit, strength and integrity will be greatly missed.

Letters to the Editor:

To the City of Plainfield

Dear editor:

My husband and I attended our first Board of Education Council meeting for the city of Plainfield on March 19. We were implored to attend, by Mr. Rudy Clark. His concerns are deeply embedded in the math, science and reading fields. We are social parents, meaning we don't have children of our own but because we are concerned members of the African community in Plainfield and the world, we are involved in the community as a whole.

Several very interesting topics were brought up, including the issue of closing the summer school program. Starting with keeping it in tact, and the importance of learning ABC's, while in the summer program. This was stated by one parent, who felt cutting the summer program, was unfair. Without the summer program, children will be left to their own devices.

Another parent's concern was directed at the math and science lab, that was closed three days out of the week. This was due to the absence of the instructor. In order for our children to be able to compete with the rest of the world, a much more aggressive approach, to math, science and reading is needed. This is where the math and science labs would be utilized to the fullest, with an instructor, who would be available to reach.

Still another problem is the termination of the work-study program. What is very upsetting is that the program was terminated a couple of weeks before it was to be officially ended. Neither the teachers nor the students received pay for their time worked. This subject was broached by another concerned parent whose son had participated in the program and was not compensated for his work. This can be placed into the larger picture of how the American system really works.

To keep the summer programs open the school system needs to use the talents that are in the area, such as Black Gold, Black United Fund, NAACP, and other organizations. Advertise aggressively for individual skills in teaching basic mathematics, science and reading. Factor into the school budget, a pay program for the instructors, both adults and students. Let the parents know what the cost of the summer program tuition would be, ahead of time.

More parents of Plainfield are needed to attend the Board of Education meetings to voice their concerns about their children's educational future. Your attendance in any meeting pertaining to Plainfield is needed.

A concerned Plainfield resident

Rainbow coalition gets the message out

From the Rainbow Coalition

HOLLYWOOD, CA.—Wetrough the Chicago Sun Times headlined it best, "Thanks Up for Jesse's Hollywood Crusade." But since so many others seemed to go out of their way to ignore the true intent of the March 25 protest against the Academy Awards, let's go through it one more time. We did not protest the Oscar ceremony itself; we used the occasion of the Oscars to illuminate the institutional biases of the film industry. When the lights turn inward, it's not such a pretty picture.

The bias reveals itself in four major ways: (1) racial exclusion and gender inequality

(2) cultural distortion;

(3) lack of employment opportunities; and

(4) lack of positions of authority.

Quincy Jones got it—that's why he wore the ribbon. Even the *Wall Street Journal*, in an otherwise diversionary essay about "quotas" (their word, not ours), accidentally made our points for us. We quote: "Indeed, there aren't enough African Ameri-

cans in behind-the-scenes positions in Hollywood or in senior executive positions at the major studios, or who are members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. And black buffoonery has long been a stock-in-trade of the film and television industry...Hispanics and Asian-Americans are even more invisible than blacks in Hollywood, and to his credit Mr. Jackson did note this."

Reverend Jackson also noted a few other truths. Native Americans are excluded from behind the scenes, and almost always negatively exploited on the screens. And when the best way for young actresses to compete for the Oscar is to play prostitutes and call girls (of this year's 55 nominees), something is very, very wrong.

In conjunction with Latino, Asian-American, and Native American groups, the Rainbow Action Network organized protests and picket lines in 30 cities across the country, using the Oscar broadcast to send our message to millions of people around the world. This is the same message Reverend Jackson raised nearly 2 years ago, when he founded the Rainbow Coalition Commission for Fairness in the Media, in reaction to the cancellations of *Arenas Hall*, *Sinbad*, and *Rock Star Central* television shows.

The Rainbow message is the same—racial exclusion is wrong, whether it's in Hollywood, housing, or hotels. The last message got through worldwide.

After a very successful meeting with officials from the Screen Actors Guild, the Directors Guild, and the Writers Guild of America West, Rev. Jackson launched the Hollywood Rainbow Covenant, to focus "upstream" in the movie industry, where the process begins.

The participants noted that Rev. Jackson "brings an enormous credibility and an enormous presence to the efforts," pledged to "tell all of America's stories," (and use all of America's storytellers), and vowed to work "to see crews, executive suites

by Linn Washington Jr.

Over a century ago, Frederick Douglass, the fiery black activist and founder of the legendary *Norfolk* newspaper, stated his belief that the black press has not been "properly supported."

Douglass was one of many 19th century black leaders who felt the isolation that fought so hard for the betterment of blacks did not enjoy the support it had earned from the very people for which the black press was fighting.

I thought about the observation Frederick Douglass made in 1890 as I participated in some of the NNPA's Black Press Week activities last month in Washington, DC. NNPA's Press Week commemorates the March 1827 founding of America's first black-owned newspaper, *Frederick's Journal*.

Frederick Douglass would be amazed at the levels of power and prosperity blacks have attained today. I do feel, however, that Douglass would also be dismayed that African Americans still do not support the black press that has played such a pivotal role in breaking down the barriers that for centuries barred them from power and prosperity.

Racist reporting by the white press

sparked the founding of *Frederick's Journal*. One hundred and sixty nine years later, in virtually any city in America on any given day, blacks still complain about racist reporting by the white press. Despite these near daily insults, we continue to spend our money supporting white newspapers that disrespect us in their reporting and discriminate against us in their employment practices. For example, more black Philadelphia buys the *Daily News* in one day than buy the nation's oldest continuously published black newspaper, the bi-weekly *Philadelphia Tribune*. In a month, since its inception the Black Press in America has suffered from one persistent problem: lack of revenue. One historian noted that Douglass' freedom fighting *Norfolk* suffered from "chronic financial difficulties."

Today, this lack of revenue problem can be resolved quickly, within the confines of the black community itself. We don't have to go to begging in corporate suites or the corridors of legislative bodies.

The widespread impoverishment and illiteracy among blacks that hobbled Douglass' *Norfolk*, *Frederick's Journal* and other 19th century black newspapers no longer exist. The black community today

who opted to *truly* serve the people by his actions and deeds, as opposed to empty rhetoric.

His tireless work to build organizations and help maintain institutions such as the National Conference of Black Lawyers, CUNY Law Center, the Center for Constitutional Rights, etc. are examples of his leadership, courage and unswerving belief in the rights of all people to enjoy the rights and privileges that are guaranteed to them under the Constitution.

There aren't a lot of attorneys remaining who are honest, fearless enough and committed enough to speak out against the injustices and systematic repression and oppression of the poor and downtrodden of our society.

Haywood Burns' clients weren't among the rich and famous list. They, more than often, were individuals or organizations that wouldn't be able to afford some of the high priced defense attorneys that are in abundance. If an individual such as Haywood Burns didn't offer his service, many wouldn't have been adequately or fairly represented. His death, leaves a tremendous void in the legal profession, and robs the African-American community of a truly gifted and outstanding individual.

Ron Brown's tragic death, marks the end of a brilliant career. Ron Brown

has the power to solve the problems that have historically circumscribed the potentials of the black press, but this power is not being adequately exercised.

Last fall, the founder of the BET cable network spent over a quarter million dollars to purchase a full page advertisement in *USA Today* to commend the Million Man March and commemorate the network's anniversary. That same quarter of a million dollars could have purchased a full page ad in each of the 200-plus black newspapers belonging to NNPA, with change left over. It was the black press and not *USA Today* that supported the pressure campaigns that forced cable systems around the country to carry BET.

The organizer of the Million Man March, Minister Louis Farrakhan, received the NNPA's first ever Newsmaker of the Year award during the recent Black Press Week.

During the Million Man March, Farrakhan made an unprecedented announcement. Farrakhan praised the black press, saying the support given by it was indispensable to making the march successful.

Sadly, Farrakhan did something that most black opinion makers rarely if ever do—recognize the work of the black press. When was the last time

Jesse Jackson utilized the black press to break a major news story? Why is it that C-SPAN presents more journalists from the black press than the bucket full of black TV show around the nation that regularly present black journalists who work for white media?

Supporting black media was one of the mandates of Million Man March. One simple way to solve the lack of revenue problem is by black business buying ads in the black press. NNPA papers reach over 11 million readers weekly, many of whom are practicing the march's ideals of supporting black-owned businesses.

Revenue side support also includes subscriptions, black churches, civic, fraternal and professional organizations need to mount subscription drives for their local black newspapers. The black press is not without its flaws. Frederick Douglass noted that "Colored papers...give their readers less than publications by white men." We must do better. But with more revenue from the black community, the Black Press can continue to pursue its historic mission of advocacy and education.

Linn Washington Jr. is the Executive Editor of the *Philadelphia New Observer*. He is an award winning journalist.

The loss of two great icons

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

We suffered the untimely and tragic loss of two important African-American men last week. Haywood Burns, founder of the National Conference of

Black Lawyers, a tireless fighter and champion for the poor, disenfranchised, and neglected in our society, was killed in an automobile accident in South Africa. The United States Secretary of Commerce, Ron Brown was killed in a plane crash while on a trade/business trip to Bosnia. Both of these outstanding individuals had a profound impact on the lives of African Americans and the nation as a whole.

While there has been virtually no news coverage of Haywood Burns' tragic death, he should be remembered, recognized and honored by our community for dedicating his life to helping to improve and assist others. Haywood Burns was the kind of committed and principled human being

who opted to *truly* serve the people by his actions and deeds, as opposed to empty rhetoric.

His tireless work to build organizations and help maintain institutions such as the National Conference of Black Lawyers, CUNY Law Center, the Center for Constitutional Rights, etc. are examples of his leadership, courage and unswerving belief in the rights of all people to enjoy the rights and privileges that are guaranteed to them under the Constitution.

There aren't a lot of attorneys remaining who are honest, fearless enough and committed enough to speak out against the injustices and systematic repression and oppression of the poor and downtrodden of our society.

Haywood Burns' clients weren't among the rich and famous list. They, more than often, were individuals or organizations that wouldn't be able to afford some of the high priced defense attorneys that are in abundance. If an individual such as Haywood Burns didn't offer his service, many wouldn't have been adequately or fairly represented. His death, leaves a tremendous void in the legal profession, and robs the African-American community of a truly gifted and outstanding individual.

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pioneered many firsts. He was the first African American to ever become National Chairperson of a major political party. Under the leadership of Ron Brown, the Democratic Party was able to have their candidate, President Bill Clinton, elected to office in 1992. He is credited with pulling together the various factions within the Democratic Party, in order to help elect a Democratic President and to elect Democratic candidates all across the country.

Ron Brown's appointment as the Commerce Secretary, was another first for an African American. He is credited with a brilliant career. Ron Brown

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YOUTHBEAT

Kids Calendar

THURSDAY, APRIL 18
JERSEY CITY—"Spanish Enrichment for Children," a ten-part Saturday course at JCSJ for children of Hispanic heritage in grades K-3. For more info call (201) 200-3069.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
LONG BRANCH—"Mama and Me by the Sea" 10-11:30 a.m. Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park, Monmouth County Park Systems. For more info call (908) 842-4000 ext. 237.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13
COLTS NECK—Monmouth County Park Systems invites parents and children between the ages of 8 & 12 to Cook Together to be held at the Dorbrook Activity Center on route 537. To register & for more info call (908) 842-4000 ext. 237.

HOLMDEL—Monmouth County Park Systems presents "Teddy in the Woods" a program for youngsters ages 5-7 to be held at the Holmdel Park Activity Center. For more info call (908) 842-4000 ext. 237.

MIDDLETOWN—Monmouth County Park Systems presents "Feathered Flights of Fancy" at the Huber Woods Environmental Center. For more info call (908) 842-4000 ext. 237.

APRIL 13 & 14
MILLBURN—Theatre IV presents "Arthur & Merlin" for ages 5-10 11:00 a.m. Park Mill Playhouse. For tickets call (201) 376-4343.

NEW YORK—Come celebrate with SeaWorld's young people for its 100th anniversary 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Live entertainment, horseshoe crab hotdoggies, talk with the penguin mascot and create deep-sea bathysphere fun fact cards. For more info call the aquarium at 718-265-7514.

APRIL 13 & 20
JERSEY CITY—JCSJ will offer a new course for the SAT through its Saturday course from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more info call (201) 200-3069.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14
MORRISTOWN—Morristown Beard School invites you to an Open House beginning at 1 p.m. for middle school students and 2-5 for upper class students. For more info call the school at (201) 539-3032, ext. 540.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16
MONMOUTH—Kids from ages 10 to 14 are invited to take part in a "Tissue Flower and Vase" workshop at Neptune High School, from 2 to 3 p.m. For more info call 908-842-4000.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17
MONMOUTH—Kids from ages 10 to 12 are invited to take part in a "Flower Pot Painting" program at Sea Bright Pier Activity Center, from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. For more info call 908-842-4000.

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Students' writings on exhibit at Drake House Museum

PLAINFIELD—The Historical Society of Plainfield announced the student winners of its essay, poem or family writing contest. Plainfield public school students from kindergarten through eighth grade submitted entries as part of the Historical Society's celebration of notable African-Americans, nationally and locally. Students wrote either an essay or poem on "What My Family Means to Me" or researched their family tree going back 100 years or more. Writings by students from Woodland, Cedarbrook, Evergreen, Cook, Barlow, Emerson and Maxon Schools are featured in the exhibit.

Over 2 million to participate in National Youth Service Day '96

WASHINGTON, DC—For the eighth consecutive year, National Youth Service Day will bring together more than two million people from thousands of neighborhoods across America to participate in community service on April 23rd. The event is sponsored by Presidential, coordinated by Youth Service America (YSA) and features the participation of local mayors and national and local non-profit organizations from across the country.

Last year's event featured 2,000 young people in Washington, DC helping to clean up the Anacostia River and 1,000 young people in Minneapolis participating in building playground equipment, planting trees and flowers and painting and preserving local houses.

According to Roger Landrum, executive director of Youth Service America, participants will include school and college service groups, conservation and service corps, and community groups from across the country.

Young mathematicians at work

NEWARK—Students from Science High School in Newark worked intensely at math problems during the Calculus Olympics, the first phase of the district's 16th annual Math Fair and Olympics. The Calculus Olympics featured student teams from the district high schools competing in solving complex calculus equations. The second part of the Olympics, The Seventh- and Eighth-Grade Preliminary Competition will be held on Tuesday, April 30 at Barringer High School with students from each of the districts 61 elementary and middle schools participating in written competitions to determine 15 teams that will compete in the finals in May. According to school officials approximately 2,000 students from across the district will participate in the two-part Fair and Olympics, scheduled for Wednesday, May 15 at NJIT.



East Orange boxing team excel at regional contest

EAST ORANGE—The East Orange Police Athletic League (P.A.L.) boxing team took top honors at the regional championships held recently in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Five of the young boxers of the seven-member team took first place in their respective weight classes.

The team competed against P.A.L. programs from Glenview, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and New York. Earlier this year, seven members of the team traveled to Kansas City, Missouri to compete in the national championships.

The members, William DeLoatch, William Brown, Chris Cardell, Daryl Brown, Chris Velez, William Rivera and William Estelle were accompanied by their coaches, Officer Angel Concepcion and Greg Nussland, P.A.L. Director Detective Steven Sims.

"Since we began in June 1995, the boxing team has made impressive showings at the nine local tournaments in which they competed," said



East Orange P.A.L. boxing team members at a recent recognition program hosted by Mayor Cardell Cooper and Police Chief Harry Harmant at City Hall. Photo by Glen Friesen.

Officer Concepcion, a former three-time state Golden Gloves champion. The P.A.L. program is a recreation-oriented juvenile crime prevention program administered under the auspices of a

municipality's police department. Emphasis is placed on athletics and recreational activities in an effort to establish positive relationships between police officers and community youth.

Newark students get chemistry grant

NEWARK—The American Chemical Society's Project Seed, has awarded a \$1,600 grant to three Science High School students. Project Seed, a component of the American Chemical Society, is a summer internship program which places urban youth in paid jobs at research laboratories in local colleges or universities.

This year's Science High School project is the first time students have been allowed to work at their school site.

The award recipients are Khaalif Finney, a junior, who won \$800 to develop his project entitled, "Chemical Analysis With Electronic Tape Measure." Finney is analyzing a mixture of gases by determining the distance they travel by using an electronic tape measure.

The tape measure uses a beam of light that will bounce off an object and register the distance from it. It then gives a reading for each gas composition that is being measured.

His goal is to identify individual gases in the mixture of unknown gases. If successful, this project could be useful in determining the kinds of gases that are part of a particular mixture. This could prove vital information when safety is concerned.

Anna Perdigoto and Michael Barker, also junior, won another \$800 award to develop sound waves as cooling agents. The project entitled, "A Stereophonic Thermoacoustic Refrigerator for Space Application" will include a process that allows sound

waves, played from a stereo speaker, to oscillate. Gases are passed through a bundle of straws to cool air. This change in air temperature acts as a cooling agent.

Perdigoto and Barker's goal is to develop a futuristic cooling system that would replace freon, the traditional refrigerator which uses freon. In addition, the students hope to create a cooling system that is kinder to the earth's atmosphere.

Both projects were developed with the assistance of Dr. Mel Robins, a retired Bell Labs Scientist who has worked as a volunteer mentor with Science High School for the past five years.

This Week in Black History

APRIL 9
1898 - Activist, singer and actor Paul Robeson is born in Princeton, NJ.
1929 - Author Paule Marshall is born in Brooklyn, NY.

1939 - After being refused admission to the Daughters of the American Revolution's Constitution Hall to give a planned concert, Marian Anderson performs for 75,000 on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.
1950 - Juanita Hall becomes the first African American to win a Tony award for her role as "Bloody Mary" in the musical South Pacific.

APRIL 10
1926 - Founding chairperson and director of the National Welfare Rights Organization Johnnie Tillmon (nee Blackmon) is born in Scott, AK.
1932 - The James Welton Johnson Literary Guild announces the winners of its first annual nationwide poetry contest for children.
1943 - Tennis star Arthur Ashe is born in Richmond, VA.

APRIL 11
1883 - Spelman College is founded in Atlanta, GA.
1955 - Roy Wilkins is elected the NAACP's executive secretary following the death of Walter White.

1968 - President Lyndon B. Johnson signs the 1968 Housing Act, which outlawed discrimination in the sale, rental, or leasing of 80 percent of the housing in the U.S.
1972 - Benjamin L. Hooks, a Memphis lawyer and Baptist minister, becomes the first African American to be named to the Federal Communications Commission.

1988 - Willie D. Burton becomes the first African American to win the Oscar for sound when he receives the award for the movie "Bird."

APRIL 12
1825 - AME minister and founder of

Paul Quinn College, Richard Harvey Cain is born in Greensboro, VA.
1881 - The Civil War begins as Confederate troops attack Fort Sumter, SC.

1948 - Jazz artist Herbie Hancock is born in Chicago, IL.
1966 - Emmet Ashford becomes the first African American major league umpire when he is named to the American League.

1990 - August Wilson's "The Piano Lesson" wins the Pulitzer Prize for drama.

APRIL 13
1891 - Author Nella Larsen is born in Chicago, IL.
1906 - Riots occur in Brownsville, TX, when African American soldiers retaliate against white citizens for racial slurs.

1967 - Harlem Hospital opens in New York with 150 beds.
1946 - Singer Al Green is born in Forest City, AR.

1963 - Sidney Poitier receives an Oscar for best actor for his performance in "Lilies of the Field." He is the first African American male to receive the Academy Award.

APRIL 14
1775 - The first U.S. abolitionist society, the Pennsylvania Society for the Abolition of Slavery, is formed in Philadelphia, PA, by Quakers.
1943 - Artist Howard Chandler Christy is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1991 - A major retrospective of the late Romare Bearden's career and work opens at the Studio Museum of Harlem.

APRIL 15
1889 - Labor leader and Civil Rights activist A. Philip Randolph is born in Crescent City, FL.

Northeast region NAACP youths meet



PHILADELPHIA—The Youth of the Jersey State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People enter the Northeast Region NAACP Leadership Training Conference. Over 300 youth attended the event. The Northeast Region consists of ten states from Delaware to Maine.

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Religious Calendar

SUNDAY, APRIL 14
NEWARK—The Newark Branch NAACP invites you to Gospel Extravaganza "A Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." at the Hopewell Baptist Church, 17 Mahanadda Ave. 4 p.m. Call 201-624-6400.

NEPTUNE—"An Evening to Celebrate" (featuring the KISS FM Gospel Choir and Youth United for Christ Mass Choir at Martin Luther King Presbyterian Church 15 Memorial Dr. show time 6:30 p.m. For more info call 908-918-1195 or 908-517-2652.

RED BANK—West Point Cadet Gospel Choir from West Point Military Academy in concert at Calvary Baptist Church at 9 p.m. For more info call 908-741-7081 or 908-741-7079.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21
ASBURY PARK—The Men's Club of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church presents Mrs. Gloria Jones in a gospel concert at 5 p.m. Donations \$7.

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BUF campaign kick-off rescheduled

EASTORANGE—The Black United Fund of NJ has rescheduled its eighth annual BUF/NJ Campaign for Thursday, April 11 at 11 a.m. at the Park Avenue Christian Church on 70 Park Avenue in East Orange.

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Religion and Crime Examined

WASHINGTON, DC—In the war against crime, a newly published study in a leading criminology journal suggests a unique weapon—participation in religious activities. According to the researchers, the greater an individual's involvement in religious activities, the lower their chances of being involved in a wide range of crimes.

In order to examine the relationship between religious involvement and criminal behavior, the researchers surveyed over 550 adults living in a Mid-Western urban area and asked how many times during the past 12

months they had committed any one of a variety of criminal acts. Each respondent's level of religious commitment was also measured using various questions dealing with religious denomination, religious beliefs, religious values, and religious activities.

When the relationship between religious commitment and criminal behavior was statistically analyzed, only one aspect of religiosity—religious behavior—was found to have a significant relationship to lower levels of criminal behavior. In other words, simply holding religious beliefs or values was not found to be as important

in deterring crime as was regular participation in religious activities such as attending religious services, listening to religious broadcasts, or reading religious materials.

Why might religious behaviors provide such a strong deterrent to participation in crime? First, due to their frequent activities in religious services and activities, the religiously active may be more frequently exposed to moral messages against crime and other types of immoral behaviors than the less religious. Secondly, frequent participation in religious events introduces the religiously active to a com-

munity of believers who reinforce religious teachings and behaviors, thus decreasing an individual's tendency to fall into criminal behavior.

The researchers commented on this occurrence, stating that "contingent reinforcement of religious moral values and policing of behavior are more likely when one is embedded in such a community of fellow believers."

Such findings lend credence to the old maxim "action speaks louder than words," as this study found that religious actions and behaviors seem to be much more predictive of

lower levels of criminal behavior than either religious attitudes or beliefs. Indeed, the researchers concluded that "neither religious beliefs nor religious attitudes are as important in inhibiting criminal involvement as actual behavior that requires immersion in church networks—in a 'community of believers'—"

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Plainfield to host local dialogue on poverty

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Action Services (PAS) will sponsor a Community-Wide Dialogue on Poverty scheduled for Wednesday, April 24 at 9:30 a.m. at the Plainfield Public Library. The forum is a part of a National Dialogue on Poverty sponsored by the National Association of Community Action Agencies (NACAA) to actively involve low- and middle-income Americans in the ongoing discussion

about poverty in America.

Reports from hundreds of local forums held throughout the country will be compiled with information from two national forums into a national consensus on poverty issues and solutions.

The final report will be presented at the 1996 NACAA Annual Conference scheduled for September 3-6 in San Francisco.

Grants awarded to organizations for minority males

TRENTON—Gov. Christine Todd Whitman and Human Services Commissioner William Waldman have announced the award of more than \$300,000 to 41 youth and community organizations that operate programs to benefit minority males.

"The programs these state grants have funded in the past four years have made a tremendous difference in

people's lives. Young men who have faced real difficulties in life have received guidance, role models, education and a lot more," said Whitman. "By awarding these grants, we continue our commitment to our state's minority men," she continued. A number of this year's grant winners focus on teaching skills to get jobs and succeed in business. For example, in Asbury Park, Check-Mate, Inc. in coordination with Brookdale Community College, will provide computer skills training to enhance employability and self-sufficiency.

The Isles YouthBuild Program in Trenton will tackle two community needs: job training for youth and low-income housing for families. The grant will fund training for 60 minority males in the construction trades,

and will provide counseling and job placement assistance. Homes rehabilitated by the trainees will be sold to low-income families through Trenton's Weed and Seed program. And the City of Passaic received a grant to create an entrepreneur program, training minority males ages 10 to 14 with community business leaders.

In this program, mentors will instruct in all phases of business operations: developing budgets, creating business plans, ordering supplies and inventory and cash flow.

This year, 20 grants were awarded through the Community Challenge Grant Fund, for a total award of \$279,811. Twelve more grants, totaling \$24,820, were awarded through Youth Grants to Benefit Minority Males.

Robert Wood Johnson opens vascular center

NEW BRUNSWICK—Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital officially opened the Vascular Center of New Jersey, a joint program with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

According to officials, the new Vascular Center offers the most comprehensive diagnostic and treatment program in the state by interrelating the

treatments for stroke, aneurysms and hypertension.

Symptoms of vascular disease often masquerade as other conditions, making them hard to diagnose until they become life-threatening. As a result, 20 to 40 percent of the U.S. population and the majority of persons over 65 are affected by the disease. Risk factors include smoking, heredity, diabetes and high blood pressure. For

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ited with being the best Commerce Secretary that the United States has ever had, generating billions of dollars of new business and trade for the country. Undoubtedly he was a mover and shaker among the rich and powerful, a position we're not often allowed to be in. His talent and skills were utilized to forge coalition, negotiate agreements, work out compromises etc., and at least for some, his race was never a problem or an obstacle in working with him.

Ron Brown was the advisor to the Reverend Jesse Jackson's 1988 Presidential campaign. The successes achieved during that campaign are shared by Ron Brown as well as Reverend Jackson and his supporters. Many say that Ron Brown was a pragmatist, and he was. But, at least for me, the most important quality that appeared to be part of Ron Brown's being, was his acknowledgment of his roots and history.

He was a proud man, and he appeared comfortable with himself, his ambition, and his desire to enjoy the social equal opportunities desired by all Americans. He understood and supported the continued need for affirmative action. He wasn't one of those individuals who "made" it and then denied how it wasn't for the fight for laws and politics protecting the rights of all men and women, that certain opportunities would not have been open to him to pursue.

While we mourn these tragic and untimely losses of two outstanding African Americans, we should try to better utilize our time here on earth. Truly, we never know when tragedy will strike, or when we will meet our maker. If we devote ourselves to trying to become the best persons we could possibly be—everyday of our lives, we can hopefully help to contribute to the betterment of society, as Ron Brown and Haywood Burns did in their lives.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
SOMERVILLE—2nd Annual Somerset County Economic Vitality Award to be held at the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce. For more info call (908) 725-1552.

NEW YORK—A workshop for Construction Contractors and Architectural & Engineering Firms to be held at Stuyvesant High School sponsored by the New York City Transit. For more info call (1800) 684-8765.

APRIL 10 THRU 12
BOSTON, MA—Managing Superior Customer Service seminar at the Sheraton Boston Hotel sponsored by American Management Association (AMA). For more info call 1-800-262-9699.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11
CAMDEN—Sixth Annual Venture Fair 1 to 6:30 p.m. at the Sony Blockbuster Music Center. Deadline April 5. For more info call 609-365-1300.
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Assemblyman Smith introduces bill for state funding of UEZs

ASBURY PARK—Monmouth County Assemblyman Tom Smith has introduced legislation that would assist businesses, located within an Enterprise Zone, the opportunity to participate in the redevelopment of the respective zone as it relates to construction projects.

The bill A-1705 would give municipalities the ability to establish a set-aside program to provide construction opportunities where state funding is utilized for construction projects within an enterprise zone. Both Asbury Park and Long Branch

are enterprise zone municipalities and will benefit from this legislation.

"We want the construction and construction related professional services that are located within the zone municipality to be a part of the zone's progress and prosperity from both a

contractor and consumer perspective," Smith stated.

The assemblyman continued that the legislation will help stimulate business and create more jobs in the state's Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) communities. "This is a prime example of the state working closely with local

businesses to improve the economy," he added.

Some merchants within an Enterprise Zone are allowed to charge a 3 percent sales tax. Additionally, tax credits are also available to businesses which hire residents of the municipality who are unemployed or on public assistance.

Parren Mitchell Awards Dinner slated for April 18

WASHINGTON, DC—The Second Annual Parren J. Mitchell Awards Dinner will be held on Thursday, April 18, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Washington DC. The theme for this year's dinner is "Capital Formation In The New Millennium." Jesse Hill, Founder of Atlanta Life Insurance Company, and the Rep. Donald Payne, Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, will both serve as Co-Chairpersons of the

dinner.

Awards will be presented to business and professional persons from the financial world who have had noteworthy impact upon Capital Formation for African-American enterprise. Named in honor of the first black U.S. Representative from the state of Maryland who also founded Minority Business Enterprise Legal Defense and Education Fund in 1980 this year's awards will honor:

Maynard Jackson of Jackson Securities, Atlanta, GA; Maceo Sloan, Skian Financial, Durham, NC; Patricia Garrison-Corbin, National Association of Security Professionals, Philadelphia, PA and Joan Price, Fairview Capital of Farmington, CT.

Cocktails will be from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. with the Awards Dinner beginning at 7 p.m. For ticket information call Linda Greene event coordinator at 202-543-2964.

NJ march

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Also present at the rally were Pastor Milton Holmes of Allen Chapel AME Church in Asbury Park and Reverend Railroad Wheeler of the St. Matthew AME Church in Orange. Reverend Wheeler and Rev. Reginald T. Jackson of St. Matthew AME Church are among the coordinators of the march. Rev. Jackson is also the chairman of the March on Trenton Coalition.

Issues such as welfare reform, funding for public schools and charity care and voter registration will be addressed at the march. The procession will begin at St. Paul AME Church on Willow Avenue and proceed to the State House on West State Street.

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Police brutality

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clubbing the driver on the back and shoulders, even as the driver fell face down, on the ground.

When a woman got out of the truck, the same deputy bear her in the back with the baton, then grabbed her by the hair and pulled her to the ground. At least one other deputy struck her with his baton. Neither person, both Mexicans, appeared to resist.

The sheriff's department identified the deputies Tuesday as Tracy Watson and Kunta Franklin and said both were suspended without pay. Franklin has been with the department for 20 years. Watson for five. The Los Angeles and Riverside sheriff's departments are investigating.

Higher Education

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search, scholarship and other advancement opportunities in higher education.

Over two hundred representatives from major corporations, federal agencies, colleges and universities will be present to exhibit products. Culminating the conference is the Leadership Awards Banquet, where over 200 alumni will be honored for their contributions to their communities. For additional information of the conference call 202-543-9111.

Foodtown

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citizens of Plainfield will have to travel to other towns such as North Plainfield, Fairwood and Lack of Plainfield to do their major shopping.

Reasons why the Plainfield site of Foodtown was the only store of the 28 purchased by Koninklijke, hold NV, was being shut down by Edwards-Super Stores, Inc. has not been answered. Request for answers to the Edwards office have only led to a standard comment of "We are not prepared to answer that at this time."

Edwards spokeswoman Tonya Lynn Mayor Mark Furry said he plans to address the City Council on this situation and hopes that they can "address the absence of a major food chain."

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NJSBA calls for changes in school funding

TRENTON—An official of the New Jersey School Boards Association has asked the Legislature to consider sweeping changes in the way the state funds and manages its public schools.

"Between now and September, the state Legislature will have the opportunity to change the face of public education in New Jersey," said Dr. Robert E. Boose, NJSBA executive director. "As part of this reform effort, we urge you to give local school boards the tools they need to improve the educational program and to direct more available funding into the classroom."

Boose appeared before the Senate Education Committee which heard comments on the "Development of a Model for a Thorough and Efficient Education Program," he cited.

NJSBA's strong support for establishment of state curriculum content standards. That initiative, now before the State Board of Education, will define what New Jersey's public school students are expected to know and be able to do by the time they graduate.

"By building a new school finance system around the standards, we can ensure that all school districts have the tools they need to enable our students to succeed academically," explained Boose. Such resources include increased professional development, state aid that addresses the impact of poverty, and remedial education for students who have difficulty meeting the standards.

To give all students the opportu-

nity to attain the standards, Boose noted, school funding in New Jersey must be guided by several principles, including:

- Increasing the state share of education costs from the current 38.5 percent to at least 50 percent (thus reducing the over-reliance on property taxes);
- Setting a "foundation level" of expenditure for the regular education program that will guarantee necessary resources for all of New Jersey's public school students;
- Ensuring that no district be forced to reduce educational programming;
- Establishing strong accountability measures.

April 16 vote

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Can I vote in the Annual School Election? As long as you are currently registered to vote in your municipality of residence and have not been disqualified from voting, you may participate in the Annual School Election.

Where and when do I vote? For polling hours and locations, contact your local board of education office.

Will my vote count? Not only does your vote count, your vote is needed to select a school board reflective of your community's educational needs.

I urge you to participate in the Annual School Election. Do it for your community, do it for the children. Do it to ensure a strong leadership for our schools.

The following statistics indicate the voter turnout in annual school elections since 1983. Sources include NJSBA and the State Department of Education. The following represents the percentage of voters since 1985.

1995-15.5 percent
1994-15.3 percent
1993-12.8 percent
1992-16.8 percent
1991-18.6 percent
1990-15.8 percent
1989-14.7 percent
1988-15.2 percent
1987-10.1 percent
1986-11.5 percent
1985-7.34 percent
1984-10.1 percent
1983-15 percent

Controversy looms

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National organizations: American Medical Association and the American Public Health Association. New Jersey Organizations are Medical Society of New Jersey, New Jersey Public Health Association, New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association and Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. Southern New Jersey Chapter.

AN APPEAL FOR JUSTICE

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In recent years the employees and Teamsters Local 680 demonstrated flexibility and cooperativeness that would have made most employers grateful. Unfortunately, it appears as if you have chosen to reward your

employees' dedication with additional demands for concessions so severe as to have a negative impact on our entire community.

If this region is ever to lift itself from economic recession, we need more good jobs with decent wages and benefits that allow employees to provide for their families, send their children to college, and contribute to the local economy.

A company with the profitability and stature of Farmland has an opportunity and obligation to set its course along the high road of economic development. When such a company chooses the low road instead, it breaks faith with the generations of workers and managers who have built the company and does violence to our community.

Sincerely,

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Director of Labor Relations, National Baptist Convention USA

Rev. Calvin McKinney
Executive Vice President General Conference for New Jersey National Baptist Convention

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Remembering Ron Brown

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such a giant is a great shock."

The last time Newark lawyer, Cecil Banks, saw Secretary Brown was in Dakar Senegal last May. Brown was on hand to attend the African, African-American Summit and to make a presentation. They had dinner in small African restaurant and Brown talked about the policies he wanted to launch and the future of better trade between African and America.

"Ron Brown is a natural leader," said Banks. "He had personal charisma and his death is a loss, not only for the minority community, but for the majority as well because he was a healer and someone who was able to bridge gaps between groups. He was a superb strategist and has an understanding of what it takes to elect—in terms of electoral votes and in terms of the sentiment of the people."

Banks also noted, as did Yates and Hinton that Brown's death is a great loss to the Democratic camp.

In a prepared statement, Dorothy Leavell, president of National Newspaper Publisher's Association, remembered Brown as a friend, role model and leader into new fields and dimensions of life. "Although he was the first African American to serve as the head of the U.S. Commerce Department, to us he was more than that. Ron Brown was surely one of the best people that department, or any other government agency had in a leadership role."

Leavell wrote that although he often made news and was an object of news, Brown was "principally devoted to and for blacks and their news. A cosmopolitan man of confidence, composure and character, Ron Brown was America's man of the season...but he was our man for all seasons," she noted.

One person who no doubt worked with Brown on more occasions than

the others was President Clinton. In a televised press conference the President seemed tired, and saddened by the news. As he delivered his statement he had this to say, "I've known Ron Brown a long time. I was always amazed at the way he was constantly reaching out trying to bridge the differences between people, always trying to get the best out of people; always believing that we could do more than we have done. In a way, this job was sort of ready-made for him and at this moment in history, and he loved it very much."

The reality stated that Brown was really excited about his trip to the Balkans because he thought that, along with the business leaders and the other people from the Commerce Department on this mission, they would be able to use the power of the American economy to help the peace take hold in the Balkans.

According to Don Fowler chairman of the Democratic National Committee, "Ron Brown was my friend, we shared many values, hopes, and aspirations. Ron was a dedicated public servant and distinguished leader. In an era of rhetoric and divisiveness, he worked to bring people together, here at home and around the world."

Congressman Donald Payne summed it all up for anyone "who had the privilege of working closely with Ron Brown...he stands as a shining example of all that is positive about public service. With his boundless energy, his intelligence and his gift of diplomacy, he sought always to build bridges as he fulfilled his mission on behalf of the American people."

In what seemed like a personal farewell to Brown, President Clinton noted, "He was a magnificent life force. And those of us who loved him will always be grateful for his friendship and his warmth."

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